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December 2025 Sunrise Silver Lake — Terri M. 

Art Notes: New airport art; a call for stories about the Truckee River; and more! (renonr.com) — Reno residents can weigh in on local art right now, from sharing Truckee River stories for a new Public Safety Center installation to benefiting from freshly approved 2026 city arts grants. The column also highlights new art planned for **Reno**-Tahoe International Airport, a proposed Sparks sculpture park, and the restoration of key museum and library grants that may aid Reno organizations.

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/12/30/us-postal-service-changes-postmark-rules-what-to-know/87960162007/>

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Why are meadows important to the climate? (nevadaappeal.com) (https://link.patch.com/click/43322262.3870/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmV2YWRhYXBwZWZsLmNvbS9uZXdzLzIwMjUvZGVjLzMwL3doeS1hcmUtBwVhZG93cy1pbXBvcnRhbnQtdG8tdGhLLWNsaW1hdGU_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPWRhaWx5X2RpZ2VzdCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPW5ld3NsZXR0ZXItZGFpbHkmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1c2VyX2VtYWlsPTlhMDFhOWY2YjVmZTNlOWMwNTBjNDRmOTJlZTg3NDk4ZGRhNTU0N2RmZGMwNThiZDZiODBkNzcxMzNiMjFkZjUmdXNlc19lbWVpbF9tZDU9YzM4OTQ3NTAxZTY4NTcxZDdhYTU0OTZmYmMwMmMyNjYmbGN0Zz02MjQ2NjI4NWE1MzgyYzUyZGQwYzBmZGQ/62466285a5382c52dd0c0fddBf500fa4d) —

A University of Nevada, Reno soil ecologist is spotlighting how local and regional meadows—many where Reno's urban areas now sit—can store rainforest-level amounts of carbon and protect watersheds. His research across the Sierra Nevada shows that restoring degraded meadows quickly boosts soil health and climate benefits, and he urges residents to support Tahoe and Truckee-area groups doing hands-on meadow restoration work. (<https://link.patch.com/click/43322262.3870/>)

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**Presidential Actions in December 2025**

**Executive Orders**

**Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay** **December 18, 2025**

**ENSURING AMERICAN SPACE SUPERIORITY** **December 18, 2025**

**Providing for the Closure of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on December 24, 2025, and December 26, 2025** December 18, 2025

**INCREASING MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND CANNABIDIOL RESEARCH 12.18.25**

**Protecting American Investors from Foreign-Owned and Politically-Motivated Proxy Advisors** December 11, 2025

**Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence** December 11, 2025

**Addressing Security Risks from Price Fixing and Anti-Competitive Behavior in the Food Supply Chain** December 6, 2025

**DESIGNATING FENTANYL AS A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION** 12/15/25

### **Proclamations**

**Amendments to Adjusting Imports of Timber, Lumber, and their Derivative Products into the United States** December 31, 2025

**To Implement the United States-Israel Agreement on Trade in Agricultural Products and for Other Purposes** December 29, 2025

**Restricting and Limiting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the Security of the United States** December 16, 2025

**Bill of Rights Day, 2025** December 15, 2025

**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2025** December 5, 2025

**Honoring the Memory of Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, West Virginia Army National Guard** December 4, 2025

**America 250: Presidential Message on the Anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine** 12.2.2025

### **Nominations**

**Nominations Sent to the Senate** December 1, 2025

### **Memoranda**

**Winning the 6G Race** December 19, 2025

**Aligning United States Core Childhood Vaccine Recommendations with Best Practices from Peer, Developed Countries** December 5, 2025



### **Gentle Bird Moments ·**

We want to share a deeply emotional update about our work, especially in light of the challenges we have recently faced. While we do not always make every case public—particularly during periods of unusually high patient intake—we believe it is important to address a heartbreaking reality we have encountered. Over the past eight weeks, we admitted five majestic bald eagles that sadly succumbed to lead poisoning. These remarkable birds, all five years of age or older with their striking white heads, had already survived the most vulnerable years of their lives.

Witnessing them fall victim to a preventable threat has been devastating.

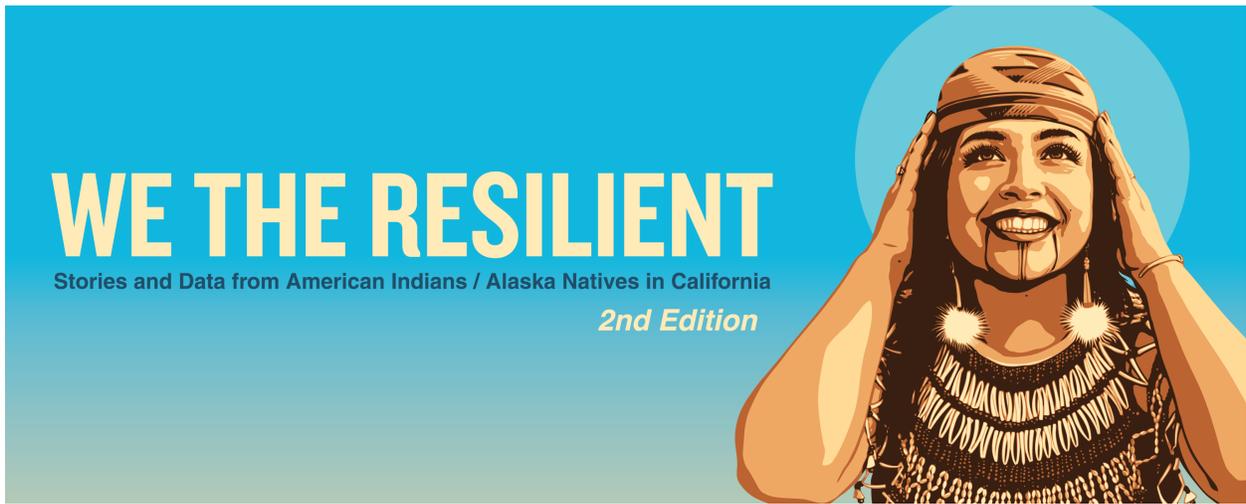
As this is nesting season, it is especially painful to imagine their mates searching for them. These eagles will not return to their partners or their territories, a loss that resonates deeply with all of us. Alarming high levels of lead were found in their blood. Some did not survive through the night, while others required compassionate intervention to end their suffering. The number of eagles affected in such a short time is deeply concerning and underscores the urgent need for action.

We are committed to ensuring these eagles are honored with dignity. Our conservation officers will retrieve them for placement in the Eagle Repository, and in doing so, we are reminded of the critical importance of raising awareness about non lead alternatives for hunters and anglers.

Through the simple choice of using non lead ammunition, sinkers, and fishing tackle, we can collectively protect these magnificent birds and our wildlife.

We recognize that some members of the community may push back against this message. However, it is essential to acknowledge the long term impact of lead ammunition on bald eagles and other wildlife. If change is resisted, responsible practices such as properly removing gut piles and ensuring non target animals affected by lead are handled appropriately must be encouraged. While we have encountered some resistance within portions of the sporting community, understanding the impact of lead is crucial. Fortunately, extensive information on available alternatives exists, and many options are readily accessible.

Though today is a difficult day for our team, the loss of these beautiful eagles reinforces the importance of our mission. Together, we can advocate for thoughtful changes that protect wildlife and help create a healthier ecosystem. Let us work toward a future where bald eagles and other wildlife can thrive, free from the threat of lead poisoning [#fblifestyle](#)



### California Native Vote Project

We the Resilient is our groundbreaking digital and print publication that uplifts the stories, strength, and sovereignty of Native peoples across California.

Issue areas covered in the report include:

- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Health
- Healthy Built Environment
- Housing
- Crime & Justice
- Democracy

This report is intended to be used as a comprehensive tool to help allies, partners, and community members to better understand Native community needs, track progress on key initiatives, and support evidence-based advocacy.

This second edition features expanded data, updated indicators, and community testimonies highlighting Native-led policy change and community empowerment efforts.

Let's continue to build a path forward grounded in community care, action, resistance, and collective healing. We are here, we are strong, and we will keep moving forward together—building a future rooted in hope, trust, and unwavering solidarity.

In community, The California Native Vote Project

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“Voting causes unwanted presidencies” — anon

‘It’s a feeling of spiritual renewal’: Klamath Tribes react to dam removal

“The largest dam removal project in the world has officially concluded finishing a project that local tribes have sought to do for decades. The project removed the J.C. Boyle, Irongate, and Copco No. 1 & 2 dams. It was done to restore the local watershed and replenish fish such as salmon that have been unable to swim upstream due to the dams. The project came from local tribes wanting to renew parts of their culture that were lost with the fish being unable to swim upstream in large numbers. “Those fish, as we see it in Indian country, in our tribe, is healing. Medicine,” said Klamath Tribe chairman William Ray Jr. “To not only keep our subsistence going, but also a revival of our culture for fishing.” ... ” [Read more from Channel 12.](#)

After historic California dam removal, first salmon swims all the way to Oregon

“The massive dam-removal project on the Klamath River began to live up to its lofty goal of improving fish passage this week when at least one salmon was observed swimming upriver past the four former dam sites that previously blocked fish. Wildlife officials said Thursday that a chinook salmon was spotted a day earlier at Spencer Creek in Oregon, suggesting that salmon have begun their long-hoped for return to their historic waters above all of the demolished dams. For more than a century, the iconic fish have been unable to complete their migration from the ocean into hundreds of miles of waterways along the California-Oregon border. Lack of access to this cold, abundant water limited their spawning and has contributed to the steep decline of salmon on what was once the third-largest salmon-producing river in the West. ... ” [Read more from the SF Chronicle.](#)

SEE ALSO: [First salmon since 1912 spotted in Oregon’s Klamath Basin, months after dam removal, from KTVZ](#)

The Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act: A potential path to a cleaner Yuba River



Water flows down the South Yuba River in the Sierra Nevada in Placer County, California. Photo taken June 28, 2022. Kelly M. Grow / DWR

“The Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act is a legislative effort aimed at addressing the environmental and public safety hazards posed by abandoned hardrock mines across the United States. Introduced by a bipartisan coalition, this legislation seeks to empower “Good Samaritans”—state agencies, local governments, nonprofits, and other groups—to clean up pollution from these abandoned sites without facing long-term legal and financial liability. The Yuba River watershed is home to numerous abandoned hardrock mines, remnants of the Gold Rush era. These mines, numbering around 128 in the North Yuba watershed alone, pose significant environmental challenges. Toxic waste, unsecured tunnels, and contaminated water are just a few of the issues that threaten the health of the river and the surrounding ecosystem. ... ” [Read more from the South Yuba River Citizens League.](#)

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**From his latest publication:**

“but just published online in American Antiquity (the most significant scientific archaeological journal in the Western Hemisphere) ... with five Indigenous Great Basin co-authors ... best,”

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## **Science and Nonduality Conference**

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### **Watch the Global Premiere of If An Owl Calls Your Name**

A film about the long, sacred work of healing what was never meant to be broken...

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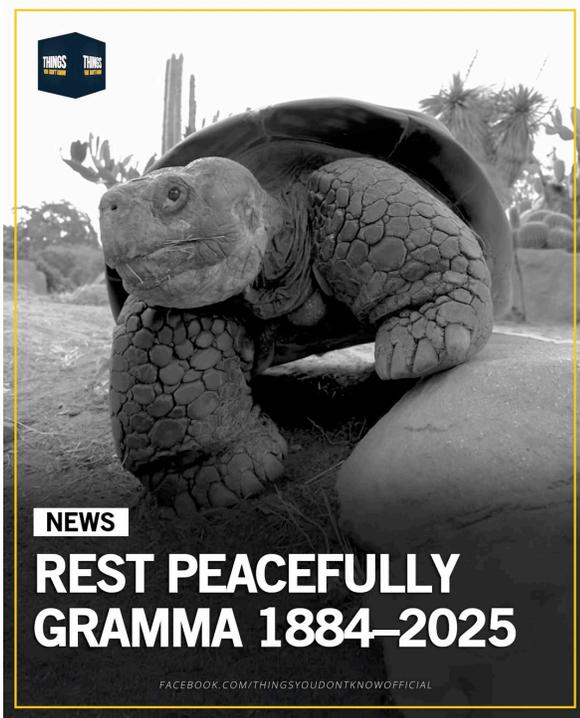
[www.theeternalsong.org/owl-register](http://www.theeternalsong.org/owl-register)  
[If An Owl Calls Your Name: A Film About Intergenerational Healing on Indigenous Lands](#)  
[A Film of Ceremony, Grief, and the Quiet Power of Intergenerational Return](#)

***"It's the land, air and water. That is your therapy." — Dini Ze' Na'Moks***

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| <b><u>Scholarships with February 2-12 Deadlines</u></b>                                                    |              |                   |
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| <a href="#"><u>Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Competition</u></a>                                          | \$2,000      | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>ASPET Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) Individual Awards</u></a>                 | \$4,600      | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholarships</u></a>                                                  | Full-Tuition | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards</u></a>                                              | \$4,000      | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Go Texan Scholarship</u></a>                               | \$20,000     | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Houston Area Scholarship</u></a>                           | \$20,000     | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                                               | \$10,000     | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Scholarship Program</u></a>                                | \$19,000     | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>The Dr. Brian L. Davis Marine Biology, Conservation, and Education Scholarship Fund</u></a> | \$20,000     | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>WSGC Undergraduate Scholarship</u></a>                                                      | \$3,000      | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Harry S. Truman Scholarship</u></a>                                                         | \$30,000     | February 03, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>National Conscience Month Essay Contest</u></a>                                             | \$2,795      | February 03, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Science Competition</u></a>                                      | \$10,000     | February 03, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Dorrance Scholarship</u></a>                                                                | \$48,000     | February 04, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Scholarships</u></a>                                      | \$12,000     | February 04, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Pitch Your Passion Thomasson Scholarship</u></a>                                            | Full-Tuition | February 05, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>ACECNJ Scholarship</u></a>                                                                  | \$5,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship</u></a>                                              | \$5,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                                                | \$5,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Bob Stevens Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                                                    | \$2,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>CIEF Scholarships in Architecture</u></a>                                                   | \$20,000     | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Clarkston Scholars Program</u></a>                                                          | \$10,000     | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Conservation Districts of Iowa Scholarships</u></a>                                         | \$3,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Costco Employee Scholarship</u></a>                                                         | \$10,000     | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship</u></a>                                                   | \$5,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>National AG Day Essay Contest</u></a>                                                       | \$1,500      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>National Press Photographers Foundation (NPPF) Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$2,000      | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>National Press Photographers Foundation Scholarships</u></a>                                | \$2,500      | February 06, 2026 |

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| <a href="#">Southern California Mothers of Multiples Clubs, Inc. (SCMOMC) Scholarship</a> | Varies    | February 06, 2026 |
| <a href="#">NXT National High School Short Screenplay Competition</a>                     | \$7,500   | February 08, 2026 |
| Watson-Brown Foundation Scholarships                                                      |           | February 11, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Chief Simon Kahquados Scholarship</a>                                         | \$5,000   | February 09, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Delores Pemma Scholarship</a>                                                 | \$5,000   | February 09, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Donald A Strauss Scholarship</a>                                              | \$15,000  | February 09, 2026 |
| <a href="#">KFC Foundation Scholarships</a>                                               | \$20,000  | February 09, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Lois Crowe Scholarship</a>                                                    | \$10,000  | February 09, 2026 |
| <a href="#">ASNE Scholarship Program</a>                                                  | \$4,000   | February 10, 2026 |
| <a href="#">GGICF Scholarships</a>                                                        | \$7,500   | February 10, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Washington CPA Foundation Accounting Scholarship</a>                          | \$10,000  | February 10, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Arts for Life! Scholarship</a>                                                | \$1,000   | February 11, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Davidson Fellows Scholarship</a>                                              | \$100,000 | February 11, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children</a>                | \$2,000   | February 11, 2026 |
| <a href="#">WCA Jo Caldwell Meyer Scholarship</a>                                         |           |                   |
| <a href="#">College Women's Club of Pasadena Scholarship</a>                              | \$3,500   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Community Foundation of Shelby County Scholarships</a>                        | Varies    | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Emily Lester Vermont Opportunity Scholarship</a>                              | \$3,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Franklin H. Isham Memorial Scholarship</a>                                    | \$1,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Hildegard Durfee Scholarship</a>                                              | \$1,500   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Jean Andrews Nursing Scholarship</a>                                          | \$5,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">PepsiCo Foundation Family Scholars</a>                                        | \$20,000  | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Richard T. Gates Engineering and Technology Endowed Challenge Scholarship</a> | \$16,000  | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Vermont Dental Hygiene Scholarship</a>                                        | \$22,000  | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Vermont John H. Chafee Education and Training Scholarship</a>                 | \$5,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Vermont Police Association Scholarships</a>                                   | \$1,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund</a>                                 | \$1,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">VSAC Bernice Murray Scholarship</a>                                           | \$4,000   | February 12, 2026 |
| <a href="#">VSAC Taigh Scholarship</a>                                                    | \$1,000   | February 12, 2026 |



## Things You Don't Know

is at [San Diego Zoo](#).

Generations grew up visiting her. Gramma, a Galápagos giant tortoise and the oldest resident of the San Diego Zoo, has passed away at around 141 years old due to age related health complications. Born in the late 1800s, she lived through extraordinary changes in the world and spent nearly a century at the zoo.

Keepers described her as calm, gentle, and deeply beloved. She became a symbol of longevity and conservation, reminding visitors of the importance of protecting slow growing and vulnerable species.

[Qasim Rashid, Esq.](#)

[Dec 31](#)

[Let's Address This with Qasim Rashid](#)

Trump has vetoed his first 2 bills of this term—bipartisan bills to make it easier to build a water pipeline in Colorado and give a Native American tribe more control over a portion of the Everglades.

His insane reasoning? He's vetoing a bill to help NATIVE AMERICANS because they don't support his immigration policies.

They are INDIGENOUS to this land, and Trump is banning them from basic human rights like water, because of immigration.

I don't have the words to express how insane this is.



## [Congressional Bill H.R. 504 Vetoed](#)

[The White House \(.gov\)](#)

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## ['Not about special treatment,' Miccosukee Tribe responds ...](#)



[Florida Phoenix](#)

<https://floridaphoenix.com> > [2026/01/05](#) > [not-about-sp...](#)

In his *veto* letter, the president blamed the *tribe* for having “actively sought to obstruct reasonable immigration policies that the American ...

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[H.R.504 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\): Miccosukee ...](#)



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Summary of H.R.504 - 119th Congress (2025-2026): *Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act*.